



PATENT  
1422-0371P

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Hideichi NITTA et al.

Appl. No.: 09/254,474

Group: 1751

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Examiner: Douyon, L.

For: DETERGENT PARTICLES, PROCESS FOR  
PREPARING THE SAME, AND DETERGENT  
COMPOSITION HAVING HIGH BULK DENSITY

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

February 5, 2002

Sir:

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed June 5, 2001, and further to the Applicants' filing of a Notice of Appeal on November 5, 2001, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel ~~claims 10, 14-15 and 18-19~~ without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please amend the claims as follows:

9. (Thrice Amended) The method according to claim 16 or 17, wherein an amount of sulfuric acid preexisting in the liquid acid

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